C. Smt. Vijaya Mehta

7. Shri Vinay Kumar Sinha

8. Shri D. Ramanuj am

9. Shri C. V. Shreedhar

10. Ms. Maitreyi Ramadurai

11. Smt. Raji Rangachari

12. Shri Bhupen Hazarika

13. Ms. Aparna Sen

14. Shri samik Banerjee

15. Shri T. S. Narasimhan

16. Dr. B. K. Chandrasekhar *

17. Shri P. Bhaskaran

18. Shri K. Ravin dranathan Nair

19. Shri T. Subramani Reddy

20. Shri L. Lakshmipathy

(c) The Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the Rules made thereunder do not prescribe any guidelines for appointment of the members of the Board. The Board members are drawn from different walks of life and they belong to different professions, such as medicine, social science, law, teaching; art i and film production/direction, etc.

Extending the Runway at Tirupati

3328. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the runway at Tirupati, so that Boeing aircraft can land even at night; if so, what progress has been made in this regard;

(b) whether any negotiations bet ween the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism and the Andhra Pradesh Government for exchange of land to extend the runway are going on; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that More than *90* Members ol Parliament have represented for the expansion of the said airport; if so, by when Boeing, traffic would be diverted through Tirupati?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The National Airports Authority is examining the feasibility of extension of the runway and expansion of other infrastructural facilities at Tirupati airport for making it suitable for Boeing-737 operations.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requested to make land available for extension of airstrip.

(c) Some representations have been received. No definite time frame is available at this stage.

Connecting Visakhapatnam with Boeing flights

3329. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to connect Visakhapatnam by Boeing flights; if so, what are the details thereof and if not what are the hurdles in this regard; and

(b) what steps are being taken to overcome these hurdles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL); (a) and (b) Indian Airlines is already operating a daily Boeing 737 service on the sector Visakhapatnam-Hyderabad by IC-661/562 and on the sector Calcutta-Visakhapatnam-Madras on 6 days a week basis by IC-541/542.